



# GENERAL ASSEMBLY

## COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

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HOUSE BILL NO. 428

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The following bill was reported to the Senate from the House and ordered to be printed.

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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
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1 AN ACT relating to cruelty to animals.

2 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

3 ➔ Section 1. KRS 525.125 is amended to read as follows:

4 (1) *As used in this section:*

5 *(a) "Dog" means a domesticated canid of the genus canis lupus familiaris; and*

6 *(b) "Dog fight" or "dog fighting" means any event that involves a fight*  
 7 *conducted or to be conducted between at least two (2) dogs for purposes of*  
 8 *sport, wagering, or entertainment, except that the term "dog fight" or "dog*  
 9 *fighting" shall not be deemed to include any activity the purpose of which*  
 10 *involves the use of one (1) or more dogs in hunting or taking another*  
 11 *animal.*

12 (2) The following persons are guilty of cruelty to animals in the first degree:

13 *(a)* Whenever a ~~dog~~~~[four-legged animal]~~ is *knowingly* caused to ~~dog~~ fight for  
 14 pleasure or profit:

15 ~~1.[(a)]~~ The owner of the ~~dog~~~~[animal]~~;

16 ~~2.[(b)]~~ The owner of the property on which the fight is conducted if the  
 17 owner knows of the ~~dog~~ fight; *and*

18 ~~3.[(c)]~~ Anyone who participates in the organization of the ~~dog~~ fight; *and*

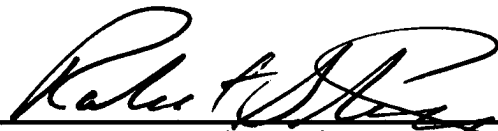
19 *(b) Any person who knowingly owns, possesses, keeps, trains, sells, or*  
 20 *otherwise transfers a dog for the purpose of dog fighting.*

21 ~~(3)[(2)]~~ Activities of ~~dogs~~~~[animals]~~ engaged in hunting, field trials, dog training, and  
 22 other activities authorized either by a hunting license or by the Department of Fish  
 23 and Wildlife *Resources* shall not constitute a violation of this section.

24 ~~(4)[(3)]~~ *Activities of dogs engaged in working or guarding livestock shall not*  
 25 *constitute a violation of this section.*

26 (5) Cruelty to animals in the first degree is a Class D felony.

  
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Speaker House of Representatives

  
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President of Senate

Attest:   
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Chief Clerk of House of Representatives

Approved   
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Governor

Date 8 APRIL 2016